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Representative William Delahunt 1317 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-2110

William D. Delahunt, M.C.

Dear Representative Delahunt,

As I write this, someplace, somewhere in the world there is a group of people, or should I say subhuman animals, who are celebrating, perhaps high-fiving each other, perhaps doing a "touchdown dance" over their destruction of the World Trade Center buildings and the resultant slaughtering of thousands of innocent men, women and children.

Representative, I know that publicly you will talk of acting prudently and cautiously in searching for those responsible for this tragedy and trying and punishing them accordingly. But, given this act of war, I am asking that behind the scenes you seek to utilize all the resources of government at hand to find these people and to kill them. I don't care about playing "fair" or "by the rules" and I don't care what it costs, but our response should be quick, ruthless, thorough and final.

And, ANY country that is harboring, or has harbored, these creatures should also be punished with the severest possible economic sanctions, at a minimum. We should be totally resolute in our convictions, and if they are Middle East based, as is suspected, we should proceed with total commitment, regardless of cost (oil) and political ramifications.

I am almost 50 years old. I have a masters degree. I am fundamentally a fairly cautious, passive and conservative person, not very easily provoked. But, only up to a point. It is now time for my generation, your generation, to step up with conviction of purpose to let the world know that this will not stand and that once provoked, the United States, the greatest and strongest country on the planet, will not equivocate and will respond with the utmost and gravest force imaginable.

Thank you,

